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IFPL and Public Use Restrictions to increase forest-wide

JOHN DAY, OR – Due to increasingly fire-prone conditions, both the North and South Zones of the Malheur National Forest will implement **Industrial Fire Precaution Level (IFPL) II and Phase A of Public Use Restrictions beginning at 0001 hours on Monday June 29, 2015**. The Fire Danger Rating will also increase to HIGH across the forest.

Under **IFPL II**, the following may operate only between the hours of 8 p.m. and 1 p.m. local time:

- Power saws except at loading sites;
- Cable yarding;
- Blasting;
- Welding or cutting of metal.

In addition, a one hour fire watch is required at all operation areas, and public land users should carry fire tools and an extinguisher or water bucket.

Phase A of Public Use Restrictions initiates the following:

1. **Chainsaws may be operated only between the hours of 8 p.m. and 1 p.m. local time.** A one hour fire watch is required after saw operations cease. Saw operators are required to have an axe (minimum 2 lb head, 26" length), shovel (8" wide, 26" length), and fire extinguisher (minimum ABC 8 oz) in their possession.
2. **Smoking allowed only in enclosed vehicles and buildings, developed recreation sites, or cleared areas.**
3. **No off-road/off-trail vehicle travel or travel on roads not cleared of standing grass or other flammable material;** no vehicle travel on those FS roads where access has been impeded or blocked by earthen berm, logs, boulders, barrier, barricade or gate, or as otherwise identified in the Fire Order.

Hot, dry summer weather and depleting fuel moisture will continue. Visitors should use extreme caution when recreating outdoors this time of year and are reminded that ignition of fireworks on all public land is prohibited.

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To report a fire, contact the John Day Interagency Dispatch Center at 541-575-1321, or Burns Interagency Communication Center at 541-573-1000.

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